

Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program



2019 Application A

**Genetics • Livestock Equipment • Hay Equipment
Herd Health • Livestock Solutions • Row Crop Solutions
Working Facility Structures**

**Application Period
October 1 – 15, 2019**

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TAEP Investments - 2005 to 2018

More than \$168,255,055 invested in 57,550 producer projects from FY06 - FY18

Genetics

Assists producers in improving the genetics in their operations, increasing the quality, value, marketability, and reputation of Tennessee livestock.

FY05-06 — FY17-18: 14,757 projects — \$15,596,538.53

Livestock Equipment

Improves a farmer's ability to properly and safely manage livestock on the farm with items like squeeze chutes, creep feeders, feed bins, and working systems.

FY05-06 — FY17-18: 26,382 projects — \$53,289,812.27

Hay Storage

Assists farmers in building hay barns, improving storage and management of forages critical to improving herd nutrition.

FY06-07 — FY17-18: 9,804 projects — \$52,114,689.29

Livestock Feed Storage

Assists farmers in building feed storage sheds, silos, and installing feed management equipment, improving feed quality and cost efficiency.

FY07-08 — FY17-18: 2,088 projects — \$18,414,455.14

Grain Storage

Assists farmers in managing, storing, and drying grains, providing higher returns and marketing flexibility.

FY08-09 — FY17-18: 1,502 projects — \$15,420,576.51

Livestock Working Facility Cover

Improves farm safety, functionality, and longevity of livestock working equipment by providing a protective cover.

FY14-15 — FY17-18: 1,011 projects — \$2,699,108.00

Producer Diversification

Assists producers in diversifying their farming operations. Sectors include agritourism, fruit and vegetables, honey bees, horticulture, organics, and value-added products.

FY05-06 — FY17-18: 1,946 projects — \$10,409,467.64

Poultry Grower

Assists poultry growers in operational improvements.

FY15-16 — FY17-18: 60 projects — \$310,408.00

Each TAEP dollar generates \$3.89 in local economies*

*Source: The University of Tennessee Agri-industry Modeling & Analysis Group

Message from Commissioner Hatcher



Dear Tennessee Farmers,

Thank you for your involvement and interest in the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP). For nearly 15 years, this cost share program has truly assisted and supported agricultural producers in making long-term investments on Tennessee farms and in rural communities across the state.

Just like the ag industry, a program as important as this must adapt and change. We are always seeking opportunities to improve TAEP, while also supporting Governor Lee's focus on strengthening rural Tennessee. That's why the department formed a TAEP advisory committee of 20 farmers from a variety of agricultural sectors statewide, and conducted a survey of TAEP participants and industry partners, resulting in more than 2,400 responses with representation from all 95 counties.

Guided by survey responses and input from the committee, we are excited to offer new options and announce a few changes to TAEP that will better assist Tennessee farmers in diversifying, expanding, and improving their farming operations. These changes include a new Hay Equipment program, a cattle genetics online tool, a simplified Application B for Producer Diversification, and more.

As a 10th generation farmer and a veterinarian, I am particularly proud of the new Herd Health program that you will find on pages 8 and 9 in this application. Participating farmers will implement a preventative herd health protocol for beef and dairy cattle, which will improve the health, reputation, and profitability of Tennessee cattle.

We appreciate your feedback and ideas for the future of TAEP. We hope you will continue to weigh in on this program as we work with you to support our state's ever-changing agriculture industry.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Charlie Hatcher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Charlie Hatcher, D.V.M.
Commissioner of Agriculture

TAEP Overview

The Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP) was established in 2005 to provide cost share dollars to agricultural producers for the purpose of making long-term investments in Tennessee farms and communities. Participation allows producers to maximize farm profits, adapt to changing market situations, improve operation safety, increase farm efficiency, and make a positive economic impact in their communities.

Application Period

The 2019 application period is open for two weeks: October 1-15, 2019.

Eligible Purchase Dates

Program purchases can be made starting October 1, 2019 and must be completed by the program reimbursement request deadline.

Approval Notification

Approval notifications are scheduled to be mailed in mid-December.

Reimbursement Request Deadlines

The reimbursement request deadline for Livestock Equipment and Hay Equipment is April 1, 2020. All other TAEP programs have a reimbursement request deadline of August 1, 2020.

Payments are based upon expenses incurred for eligible program items.

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Program	Reimbursement Maximum*	Reimbursement Request Deadlines
Livestock Equipment	\$2,500	April 1, 2020
Hay Equipment	\$5,000	
Herd Health	\$2,000	August 1, 2020
Genetics	\$2,000	
Working Facility Structures	\$3,500	
Livestock Solutions	\$10,000	
Row Crop Solutions	\$20,000	
<i>*Final maximums will be determined based upon overall demand for cost share funding.</i>		

Program Changes

Reimbursement Request Deadline Change

The reimbursement request deadline for Herd Health, Genetics, Working Facility Structures, Livestock Solutions, and Row Crop Solutions has changed from September 1 to **August 1, 2020**. The Livestock Equipment and Hay Equipment programs have an April 1, 2020 reimbursement request deadline.

Verification Period Increased

To ensure more long-term investments, the verification period has increased from three years to **five years**. Applicants must utilize equipment and structures reimbursed with cost share funds for the intended purpose of the program for a minimum of **five (5)** continuous years from the date of purchase.

Herd Health

This new program focuses on improving the whole herd health and reputation of Tennessee cattle by encouraging producers to develop a preventative vaccination protocol for their cattle operation. This program targets all beef and dairy cattle. Reimbursement is based upon a **per head** payment instead of a cost share percentage. Reimbursement request deadline is August 1, 2020.

Genetics

The TAEP Bull Reimbursement Tool is an online aid to help in determining a bull's EPD & Accuracy qualification and potential TAEP reimbursement amount. This public service is provided by the UT Department of Animal Science and TAEP. This tool can be found online at www.tn.gov/taep. See p.10 for more information.

Livestock Equipment

The permanent working pen has been moved to the new Working Facility Structures program to allow adequate time for completion of infrastructure projects.

Working Facility Structures

This new program features the Livestock Working Facility Cover and the Permanent Working Pen. The Livestock Working Facility Cover is for covering existing livestock working equipment. Minimum setup of working equipment under cover must include the following: alley, crowding system area, and head gate and/or squeeze chute. **Equipment is not eligible for cost share.**

The Permanent Working Pen is used for receiving, separating, weaning, or holding livestock prior to working and/or loading. The Permanent Working Pen must be new construction; repairs and renovations to existing working pens are not eligible.

The program maximum is \$3,500. The program deadline is August 1, 2020 to allow adequate time for completion of infrastructure projects. The lifetime limit of one (1) reimbursement for the Livestock Working Facility Cover has been removed.

Hay Equipment

This new program focuses on hay production. Eligible equipment includes hay mower, mower-conditioner, tedder, rake, and baler. **Equipment must be new** to be eligible for cost share. Hay balers (round or square) have only a three (3) year verification period; all other items have a five (5) year verification period.

Participants must meet the minimum requirement of 100 head of cattle, 150 head of goats/sheep, or 100 acres of hay in production (first cut only). The program maximum is \$5,000 and the reimbursement request deadline is April 1, 2020.

Hay Storage

The Hay Storage program will not be offered for the 2019-2020 program year due to budget limitations. This program may return in future years.

Livestock Solutions

The lifetime limit of three (3) commodity shed reimbursements has been removed. Feed lot scraper has been added as an eligible item.

Row Crop Solutions

The Grain Storage program has been renamed Row Crop Solutions. Cotton has been added as an eligible commodity for program participation. The lifetime limit of three (3) grain bin reimbursements has been removed. The maximum cost share has increased to \$20,000. New items include: drive-over scale, stationary fuel tank, GPS - display and satellite receiver only, grain bin rescue tube, and no-till drill. See p. 24 for more information.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for TAEP cost share, applicant must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States of America or lawfully present in the United States.
2. Be a Tennessee resident operating a farm located in Tennessee.
3. Be at least 18 years old during the application period.
4. Meet minimum livestock/acreage requirements for chosen program(s). Verification of minimum requirements may be requested prior to approval.
 - Head of livestock = maximum number of single type, regardless of sex or age, at one time during the last 12 months
 - Hay Acreage = 100 acres of hay production; first cutting only
 - Row Crop Acreage = 100 acres of land in row crop production of corn, cotton, soybeans, and wheat only
5. Have filed a Federal IRS Schedule F (Form 1040), Profit or Loss from Farming, within the last two years (2017 or 2018).

Applicant will not be required to submit a copy of their Schedule F at the time of application. However, applicant may be asked to submit a copy of their Schedule F prior to TAEP approval to verify their farming operation. If your operation does not file a Schedule F, please contact TAEP about alternate documentation to verify farming status.

6. Have appropriate certification based on type of livestock producer.

CATTLE (beef and dairy) must have current Beef Quality Assurance Certification (BQA) at time of application.

- BQA certification must be renewed every three years and be CURRENT at time of application.
- BQA is a two-hour educational course on cattle management and care sponsored by the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association (TCA).
- Contact TCA for additional information on BQA classes at 615-896-2333, info@tncattle.org, www.tncattle.org, or your local UT Extension office, utextension.tennessee.edu.
- Online BQA courses are eligible.

SWINE must have current Pork Quality Assurance Plus Certification (PQA) at time of application.

- PQA Plus is a two-hour educational course on swine management and care sponsored by the Tennessee Pork Producers Association (TPPA).
- PQA certifications must be renewed every three years and be CURRENT at time of application.
- Contact TPPA for additional information on PQA Plus classes at 615-274-6533 or porkpromotn@tds.net.

DAIRY (cattle, goats, and sheep) must be permitted by TDA to be eligible as a dairy at time of application.

- Contact TDA Consumer and Industry Services Division Dairy Section, at 615-837-5536, for permit information.

IMPORTANT — Certifications and permits, as specified by program, must be completed by the applicant. No substitutions allowed. This applies to BQA, PQA, dairy permit, and master producer certifications.

Tennessee Department of Agriculture may:

- Accept, modify, or reject any or all requests.
- Modify program criteria, approval, and payment processes.
- Provide partial funding for specific activity components that may be less than the full amount requested.
 - ° Require additional information from the applicant.
 - ° Deny payments for projects that do not meet requirements.

Program Requirements

Application

1. Applications must be submitted during the application period October 1 – 15, 2019.
 - Applications may be submitted by one of the following methods:
 - Online — October 1 - 15, 2019
 - Mail — applications must have a postmark date ranging from October 1 - 15, 2019
 - Hand delivery to TDA, Holeman Building, 424 Hogan Road, Nashville, TN 37220 between October 1 - 15, 2019 during normal business hours
 - Applications will not be accepted if faxed or emailed.
 - Applications are ineligible if postmarked or received prior to October 1 or after October 15, 2019.
2. Application A cost share requests will be approved by eligible priority request. Applicants may select up to two (2) priority ranks in order of importance to their operation (1 = first priority, 2 = second priority). Selecting a second priority is optional.
3. Applicant may only submit one Application A per Federal IRS Schedule F, per person, per application period, per operation.
4. Applicant will be notified in writing of approval or disapproval. Notifications will be mailed in mid-December.
5. Reimbursement packet supersedes all information printed in the application booklet.

Reimbursement

1. Receipts dated prior to October 1, 2019 are not eligible.
2. Receipts for in-kind services are not eligible. Trade-in value is not eligible.
3. Used equipment, used materials, and leased equipment are not eligible for cost share reimbursement unless otherwise noted.
4. Labor provided by applicant is not eligible for cost share reimbursement. Labor is for structures only.
5. Applicant cannot be reimbursed for purchases from a business where applicant participates in ownership (producer cooperatives excluded).
6. Applicants cannot combine projects and submit more than one reimbursement for the same item.
7. Reimbursement documentation must be postmarked or hand delivered by the reimbursement request deadline. Additional processing time is required for incomplete reimbursement requests and requests submitted within one month of the program deadline. It is recommended you submit your reimbursement request as soon as your project is complete.
8. There can only be one reimbursement payment per program approval. Projects must be completed by reimbursement request deadline.
9. Falsifying applications, invoices, or other documents submitted to TDA may make producer and farm ineligible to participate in present and/or future TDA programs, and may result in civil litigation or criminal prosecution.

Verification

1. Applicant must utilize equipment and structures reimbursed with cost share funds for the intended purpose of the program for a minimum of **five (5)** continuous years from date of purchase.
2. Site visits relating to the performance of the project before, during, and after completion may take place. Site visits may include verification of program eligibility to ensure applicants meet minimum livestock/acreage requirements for chosen program(s).
3. Applicant may be required to repay funds if they fail to comply with all aspects of the cost share guidelines.

Herd Health

Livestock Minimum Requirements	Certifications	Lifetime Limit	\$2,000 Maximum Reimbursement
Cattle — 30 Head	BQA — Beef and Dairy	Not Applicable	Payment amount per head
Head of livestock = maximum number of single type, regardless of sex or age, at one time during the last 12 months.			

Guidelines

This new program focuses on improving the whole herd health and reputation of Tennessee cattle by encouraging producers to develop a preventative vaccination protocol for their cattle operation. Prioritizing the health and well-being of your cattle is key to a successful operation. A herd health protocol helps to safeguard against sickness and death loss within the herd.

This program targets all beef and dairy cattle. This program requires basic preventative vaccinations that focus on respiratory diseases, Blackleg, and breeding health. Producers are encouraged to work with a Tennessee licensed large animal veterinarian to develop a vaccination protocol for their herd. Reimbursement is based upon a per head payment instead of a cost share percentage.

What action is required to participate in this program?

Producers will be required to implement the following TAEP Herd Health Protocol and keep records of vaccinations on each individual animal. Information will include: animal identification, sex of animal, date vaccinated, castrated, and dehorned. In addition, producers will be required to list the name, lot number, and expiration date for each product administered for respiratory diseases, Blackleg, and Lepto.

TAEP Herd Health Protocol

1. Vaccination for respiratory diseases for IBR, BVD, PI₃, and BRSV — *all cattle*
2. Vaccination for Blackleg with a 7 or 8 way Clostridial — *required for cattle under 2 years*
3. Vaccination for Lepto — *breeding stock only*
4. Dehorned — *feeder cattle*
5. Castrated — *consult your veterinarian for tetanus recommendations if banded*

Herd Health

Guidelines

Eligible Items

1. TAEP Herd Health Protocol – **required**; see p. 8 for required herd health protocol list
2. Additional Opportunities - **optional**
 - a. 840 EID Tag
 - b. BVD-PI Test
 - c. Pregnancy Exam - Palpation/Ultrasound
 - d. Treatment for external and internal parasites
 - e. Respiratory Booster Vaccination
 - f. Breeding Soundness Evaluation (BSE)
 - g. Veterinarian Services — related to prevention

Herd Health Incentives	
Required	\$/head
TAEP Herd Health Protocol	\$15
Optional	
Optional	\$/head
840 EID Tags	\$2
BVD-PI Test	\$5
Pregnancy Exam — Palpation/Ultrasound	\$5
Treatment for external and internal parasites	\$5
Respiratory Booster Vaccination	\$10
Breeding Soundness Evaluation (BSE)	\$25
Veterinarian Services - \$100 max. for receipts totaling over \$200	
Must take place between October 1, 2019 and August 1, 2020.	

Requirements

1. TAEP Herd Health Protocol
 - a. Indicate vaccination activity for each individual animal on the TAEP Herd Health Record.
 - i. Animal identification
 - ii. Sex of animal
 - iii. Date vaccinated
 - iv. Date castrated
 - v. Date dehorned
 - b. List each vaccination on the TAEP Herd Health Record.
 - i. Product name
 - ii. Lot number
 - iii. Expiration date
2. Additional Opportunities
 - a. 840 EID Tags — tags must be listed on TAEP Herd Health Record
 - b. BVD-PI Test — lab results
 - c. Pregnancy Exam - Palpation/Ultrasound — veterinarian test record/invoice
 - d. Treatment for external and internal parasites — indicate on TAEP Herd Health Record
 - e. Respiratory Booster Vaccination — indicate on TAEP Herd Health Record
 - f. Breeding Soundness Evaluation (BSE) — BSE form completed by Tennessee licensed large animal veterinarian
 - g. Veterinarian Services — submit receipts totaling at least \$200 for services provided by Tennessee licensed large animal veterinarian

Genetics Overview

\$2,000 Maximum Reimbursement

- Reimbursements will be based on maximum allowed per eligible item
- All items below can be combined for a maximum reimbursement of \$2,000
- Standard 35% cost share or Master 50% cost share

Item	Maximum Per Item*
Buck, Ram	\$350
Bred Beef Heifer	\$400
Bull Lease — true NCE EPDs	\$400
Bull — true NCE EPDs	\$1,200
Bull — Genomic Enhanced EPDs	\$1,600
Artificial Insemination	\$2,000
Breeding Soundness Evaluation	\$2,000
Pregnancy Exam — Palpation/Ultrasound	\$2,000
* Items purchased must meet specified conditions to be eligible for the maximum.	

TAEP Bull Purchase Reimbursement Tool

The TAEP Bull Reimbursement Tool is an online aid to help in determining a bull's EPD & Accuracy qualification and potential TAEP reimbursement amount. This public service is provided by the UT Department of Animal Science and TAEP. This online tool is found on the **TAEP home webpage** www.tn.gov/taep.

This tool is intended to be used as a guide to provide information based solely on pedigree data entered by the user. *This tool is provided without any guarantees of acceptance. Pedigree must be submitted with reimbursement request and include EPDs, accuracies, genomic verification (if applicable), and have a printed date between October 1, 2019 and the date of purchase.*

In addition to a bull meeting EPD & Accuracy qualifications, the bull must also have an eligible BSE, 840 EID tag, and negative test results for BVD-PI.

Genetics and Herd Health Glossary

840 EID Official USDA Electronic 15 digit ID beginning with "840"

Acc EPD Accuracy (0 – 1.0)

AI Artificial Insemination

BRSV Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus

BSE Breeding Soundness Evaluation

BVD Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus

BVD-PI Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus Persistent Infection

BW Birth Weight EPD (Calving Ease category)

CE Calving Ease Direct EPD (Calving Ease category)

EPD Expected Progeny Difference

GE-EPD Genomic Enhanced — Expected Progeny Difference

IBR Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis

Lepto HB Leptospira Hardjo-Bovis

Lepto Leptospirosis

LNM Lifetime Net Merit

NCE National Cattle Evaluation

PI Production Index — Dairy (ex. TPI for Holstein/JPI for Jersey)

PI₃ Bovine Parainfluenza Type 3 Virus

Trich Trichomoniasis

WW Weaning Weight EPD (Growth category)

YW Yearling Weight EPD (Growth category)

Genetics - Cattle

Livestock Minimum Requirements	Certifications	Lifetime Limit	\$2,000 Maximum Reimbursement <i>See p. 10 for item maximums</i>	
Cattle — 30 Head	BQA — Beef and Dairy	Not applicable	Standard 35% Cost Share	Master 50% Cost Share
Head of livestock = maximum number of single type, regardless of sex or age, at one time during the last 12 months.				

Guidelines

Eligible Items

1. Bulls — purchased (or leased — \$400 maximum per bull)
2. AI — semen from eligible AI sires (EPD, PI, or LNM proof required), new semen tanks, liquid nitrogen fills, synchronization cost, AI supplies & equipment, AI technician fees, and/or AI training certification
3. Bred beef heifers — see p. 12
4. Breeding soundness evaluation of current bulls by Tennessee licensed veterinarian
5. Pregnancy exam — palpation/ultrasound of current herd by Tennessee licensed veterinarian

Requirements – Bulls

1. BVD-PI — test negative for BVD-PI; *lab results required*
2. 840 EID — “840” are the first three digits — available from veterinarian at time of BSE and BVD-PI testing
3. BSE — licensed veterinarian within 90 days
4. Dairy — bulls and semen must meet or exceed the minimum LMN or PI requirements; *AI is encouraged*
5. Beef — bulls and semen must meet or exceed EPD requirements in each EPD category (Calving Ease, Growth, and Maternal) for one of the following three bull types.
 - a. Balanced — must meet (3) of (3) EPD categories (Calving Ease, Growth, and Maternal)
 - b. Calving Ease — must meet (3) of (3) EPD categories (Calving Ease, Growth, and Maternal)
 - c. Terminal — must meet (2) of (2) EPD categories (Calving Ease and Growth); no Maternal

EPD, Accuracy, and Genomic Information

TAEP 2019 – 2020 EPD and Accuracy Requirements will be posted in September 2019 at www.tn.gov/taep in Producer Programs under Genetics and will be included in the reimbursement packet. **EPDs have changed for this application period and must be current as of October 1, 2019.**

Eligible beef breeds for the TAEP Genetics program must have a national breed performance testing program that participates in a National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) program recognized by the Beef Improvement Federation. Genomic Enhanced or true NCE EPDs must be calculated and printed from the most prominent breed association.

\$1,200 Maximum Reimbursement — Bulls with eligible true NCE EPDs with a minimum 0.15 accuracy for Calving Ease and Growth categories for one of the three eligible bull types

- Bulls must have true NCE EPDs with a minimum 0.15 accuracy **prior to purchase** to be eligible for a cost share reimbursement up to the \$1,200 maximum. EPDs and Accuracies must be printed on breed association pedigree.
- Breed association pedigree must be submitted with reimbursement request and include EPDs, accuracies, and have a printed date between October 1, 2019 and the date of purchase.

\$1,600 Maximum Reimbursement — Bulls with eligible Genomic Enhanced EPDs for one of the three eligible bull types

- Genomic Enhanced EPD verification must be complete on breed association pedigree **prior to purchase** to be eligible for a cost share reimbursement up to the \$1,600 maximum.
- Breed association pedigree must be submitted with reimbursement request and include EPDs, accuracies, genomic verification, and have a printed date between October 1, 2019 and the date of purchase. Other acceptable documentation includes GE-EPD logo in sale catalog or sale day supplement sheet with GE-EPDs printed from breed association website.

Payment may be denied if individual bulls do not have true NCE EPDs with minimum 0.15 accuracy calculated by their breed association at time of sale catalog printing or sale date for private treaty sales. Interim EPDs, pedigree estimates, pedigree index (ex. I, I+, P, P+ or 0.05 Accuracy), or parental averages are not eligible for reimbursement.

Genetics – Bred Beef Heifers

Livestock Minimum Requirements	Certifications	Lifetime Limit	\$2,000 Maximum Reimbursement
Cattle — 30 Head	BQA — Beef	Not Applicable	\$400 maximum per heifer
Head of livestock = maximum number of single type, regardless of sex or age, at one time during the last 12 months.			

Guidelines

Eligible Items

1. Bred Beef Heifers - \$400 maximum per heifer

Qualifications

1. Stewardship Information (Producer Affidavit required)
 - a. Official USDA permanent identification — heifers must be individually and permanently identified with 840 EID or metal tag, breed registry brand or tattoo
 - b. Ownership — seller (and breeder, if different) name, address, and phone number
 - c. Sale Information — price and sale date
 - d. Age — maximum of 28 months at time of purchase
 - e. Sire of bred beef heifers — must have EPDs from an eligible TAEP breed association (see p. 11)
 - f. Service Sire (AI or natural) — heifers must be bred to a bull that meets either the CE or BW Genomic Enhanced EPD or true NCE EPD with a minimum 0.15 accuracy from the TAEP Calving Ease bull type requirements. *AI bred to a high accuracy calving ease sire is recommended.*
2. Preventative Health (Producer Affidavit required)
 - a. Dewormed
 - b. Vaccines — two rounds
 - i. Respiratory: IBR, BVD, PI₃, BRSV. *Recommended — fetal protection (FP)*
 - ii. Blackleg: 7-way Clostridial
 - iii. Reproductive: Lepto. *Recommended — Lepto HB*
3. Current and Reproductive Health (Veterinarian Affidavit required)
 - a. Official USDA permanent identification
 - b. Veterinarian name, clinic, and phone number
 - c. Test negative for BVD-PI; *lab results required*
 - d. Pregnancy status — minimum of 90 days bred at date of purchase
 - e. Size — minimum of 800 pounds at pregnancy exam
 - f. Frame/muscle score — must be either L1, L2, M1, or M2 (see TDA “Make the Grade — A Guide to USDA Grades for Cattle” brochure available at www.tn.gov/taep in Producer Programs, under Genetics)

Tip – 840 EID tag, BVD-PI test, and Trichomoniasis test are available from veterinarian at time of BSE, pregnancy exam — palpation/ultrasound pre-breeding examination, or when administering the preventative herd health program.

Requirements

1. Producer Affidavit — attach pedigree(s) with EPDs, accuracies, and genomic status for sires and service sires
2. Veterinarian Affidavit — attach negative BVD-PI test results

Affidavit forms are available at www.tn.gov/taep in Producer Programs under Genetics, from Tennessee licensed veterinarians, and included in TAEP Genetics reimbursement packet. Affidavits allow up to five (5) heifers with consistent management and breeding to be listed on each form. List all IDs, birth date range, and range of days pregnant.

Genetics – Goats/Sheep

Livestock Minimum Requirements	Certifications	Lifetime Limit	\$2,000 Maximum Reimbursement <i>See p. 10 for item maximums</i>	
Goats/Sheep — 50 Head	Not applicable	Not applicable	Standard 35% Cost Share	Master 50% Cost Share
Head of livestock = maximum number of single type, regardless of sex or age, at one time during the last 12 months. Goats/Sheep can be combined to meet minimum head requirement.				

Guidelines

Eligible Items — Goats

- Bucks (registered) — \$350 maximum per buck
 - Fullblood
 - Purebred
- AI
 - Semen from eligible bucks
 - New semen tanks, supplies, and equipment
 - AI fees
- BSE — by Tennessee licensed veterinarian
- Pregnancy exam — by Tennessee licensed veterinarian

Eligible Items — Sheep

- Rams (registered) — \$350 maximum per ram
 - RR results for the Scrapie Codon 171 Genotype test
 - NN results for the Spider Syndrome Genotype test
- AI
 - Semen from eligible rams
 - New semen tanks, supplies, and equipment
 - AI fees
- BSE — by Tennessee licensed veterinarian
- Pregnancy exam — by Tennessee licensed veterinarian

Requirements — Bucks and Rams

- Physical Examination or BSE — must be performed by a licensed veterinarian within 90 days of purchase or reimbursement
- Official Identification — breed registry tattoo, microchip, or scrapie tag
- Pedigree
 - Bucks (registered Fullblood or Purebred)
 - Rams (registered)
- Genotype test results — rams must be clean for Scrapie and Spider genes

Livestock Equipment

Livestock Minimum Requirements	Certifications	Lifetime Limit	\$2,500 Maximum Reimbursement	
Cattle — 30 Head Goats/Sheep — 50 Head	BQA — Beef and Dairy	Not Applicable	Standard 35% Cost Share	Master 50% Cost Share
Head of livestock = maximum number of single type, regardless of sex or age, at one time during the last 12 months. Goats/Sheep can be combined to meet minimum head requirement.				

Attention Dairy Producers

Additional cost share opportunities are available for licensed dairy farms through the Tennessee Milk Quality Improvement Initiative. Please contact TDA at 615-837-5336 to learn more.

Guidelines

Eligible Items

New Equipment Only

Items 1 - 21

- Add-on alley sheet
- Animal scale/indicator
- Automatic cube pellet feeder/cake feeder — scales optional at time of purchase only
- Bunk feeder
- Clover seeder — cone type 3 point hitch or ATV/UTV mounted seeder that broadcasts seed
- Covered mineral feeder — stand alone and ground only; *not eligible — insecticide and/or oil applicator combinations*
- Creep feeder
- Electronic identification (EID) reader
- Feed bin
- Feed bin unload auger — maximum 29 ft. length
- Fly sprayer
- Hay ring/hay feeder
- Hay unroller
- Headlock stanchion/palpation rail/stall loop
- Mobile calf catcher pen — ATV or UTV attachment; scales and/or hitch optional at time of purchase only
- Pasture gate — interior use only; *must be installed at time of reimbursement*
- Pasture sprayer
 - minimum tank capacity: 100 gal.
 - minimum pump output: 20 gal. per minute
 - PTO, shaft, or hydraulic drive
 - roller or centrifugal pump
- Pasture sprayer GPS
- Sheep/goat fitting stand
- Sheep shear — minimum 3 in. wide head, minimum 2,000 RPM
- Ultrasound and accessories

Livestock Equipment

Eligible Items

New or Used Equipment

Items 22 - 36

22. Alley frame
23. Alleyway
24. Carriage for squeeze chute
25. Corral panel — portable panel, gate in frame/bow gate
26. Creep/feeder panel
27. Crowding/sweep tub
28. Head gate
29. Hoof trimming table or chute
30. Loading chute
31. Neck extender/brisket bar/head holder
32. Palpation cage
33. Rolling block door/alley back stop
34. Slant bar hay feeding wagon
35. Squeeze chute
36. Tilt/roll table

Used equipment must meet all of the following criteria:

- ✓ **Excellent working condition**
- ✓ **Minimal rust**
- ✓ **Functions as new**
- ✓ **Reasonable market price**

Tennessee Department of Agriculture may verify used equipment prior to payment.

Working Facility Structures

Livestock Minimum Requirements	Certifications	Lifetime Limit	\$3,500 Maximum Reimbursement	
Cattle — 30 Head Goats/Sheep — 50 Head	BQA — Beef and Dairy	Not Applicable	Standard 35% Cost Share	Master 50% Cost Share
Head of livestock = maximum number of single type, regardless of sex or age, at one time during the last 12 months. Goats/Sheep can be combined to meet minimum head requirement.				

Guidelines

Eligible Items

- Working Facility Cover — to cover existing livestock working equipment only
 - New structures — permanent structures only
 - Additions to existing structures — permanent structures only; additions consist of adding square footage to an existing barn in the form of a side shed and/or extension in length
- Permanent Working Pen — for receiving, separating, weaning, or holding livestock prior to working and/or loading
 - New construction only — see pp. 18 & 19 for requirements


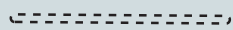

Working Facility Cover Requirements

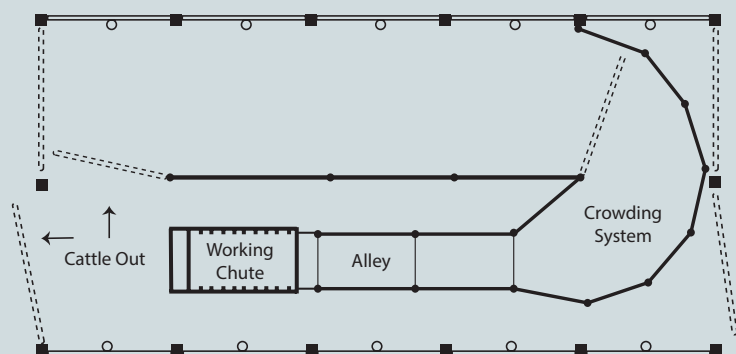
- New **permanent** structures or additions to existing structures; *not eligible — carport/garage structures*
- Minimum size of 480 sq. ft. and minimum width of 16 ft.
- Minimum eave height — 10 ft. high clearance at the outside of shortest wall
- Minimum of two openings for livestock access/movement
- Roof material — metal or polymer coated fabric
- Sides/walls (optional) — metal or wood; *structure cannot be completely enclosed*
- Labor for construction of Working Facility Cover; *not eligible — labor provided by applicant*
- Working equipment must be arranged in a functional layout under the cover at time of reimbursement.

Equipment is not eligible for cost share.

Minimum setup of working equipment under cover must include:

- ✓ Alley
- ✓ Crowding system area
- ✓ Head gate and/or squeeze chute

-  Enclosed Siding
-  Gate (not eligible)
-  Open Fencing



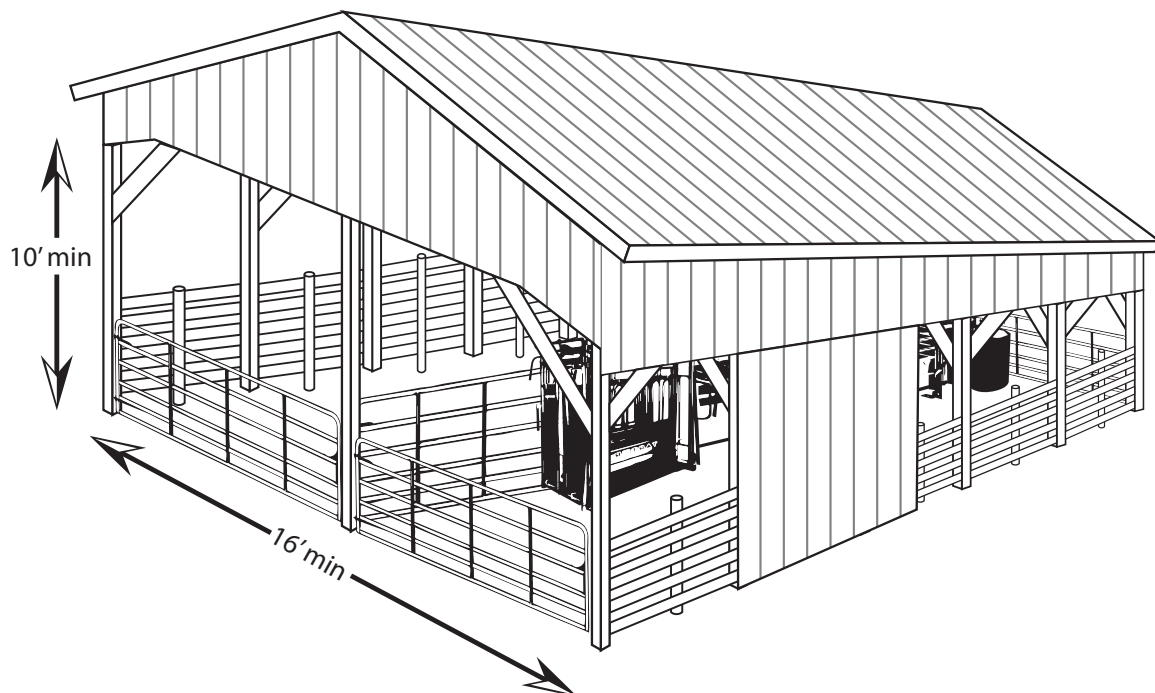
Working Facility Cover Reimbursement

Approvals will be allocated for the maximum amount of \$3,500. Reimbursements will be based on finished project up to **maximum per square foot**. Examples of how to calculate the reimbursement amount will be included in the reimbursement packet.

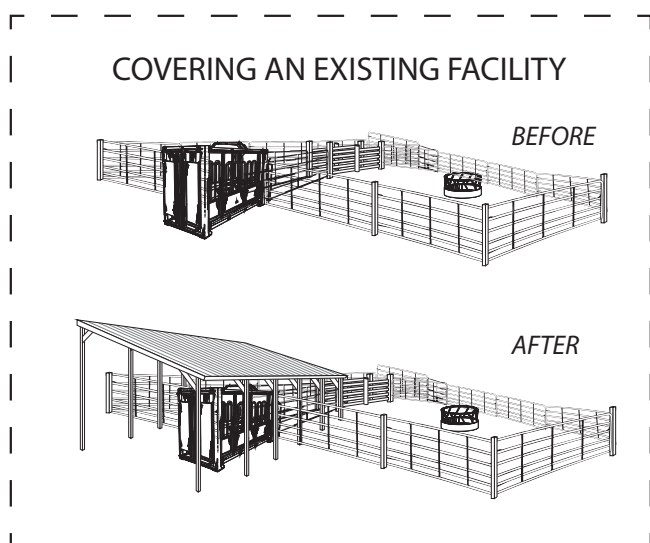
- 35% Cost Share — Standard Producer
\$2.00/sq. ft. maximum reimbursement
- 50% Cost Share — Master Producer
\$3.00/sq. ft. maximum reimbursement

Working Facility Cover Examples

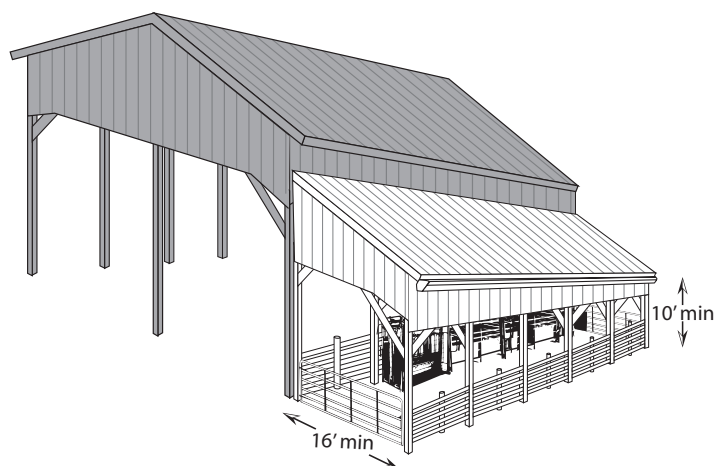
NEW STRUCTURE



COVERING AN EXISTING FACILITY



ADDITION TO EXISTING STRUCTURE



Not all items in these examples are eligible for cost share; *not eligible - gates, gutters, livestock equipment, carport/garage structures*

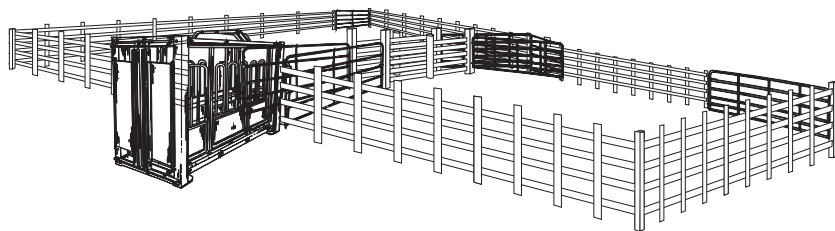
Working Facility Structures ... continued

Livestock Minimum Requirements	Certifications	Lifetime Limit	\$3,500 Maximum Reimbursement	
Cattle — 30 Head Goats/Sheep — 50 Head	BQA — Beef and Dairy	Not Applicable	Standard 35% Cost Share	Master 50% Cost Share
Head of livestock = maximum number of single type, regardless of sex or age, at one time during the last 12 months. Goats/Sheep can be combined to meet minimum head requirement.				

Guidelines - continued from p. 16

Permanent Working Pen Requirements

- New construction only
- Maximum size — 10,000 sq. ft.
- Minimum size — 420 sq. ft.
- Rails — minimum of (4) lumber/pipe rails or (3) guardrails; *not eligible — corral panels*
- Eligible materials include:
 - Treated lumber
 - Boards (minimum 2 in. x 6 in.)
 - Wood posts (minimum 6 in.)
 - Metal
 - Guard rail
 - I-beams
 - Pipe fence
 - Standalone pipe (minimum 16 gauge, 2 in. diameter)
 - Continuous fence panels (minimum 16 gauge)
 - *not eligible — corral panels*
 - Gates
 - Minimum 2 in. — 16 gauge tubes
 - Minimum length 8 ft.
 - Must be installed at time of reimbursement
- Multiple pens are allowed
- Labor for construction of Permanent Working Pen; *not eligible — labor provided by applicant*
 - Labor cannot exceed 30% of total reimbursement; labor must be itemized on invoice

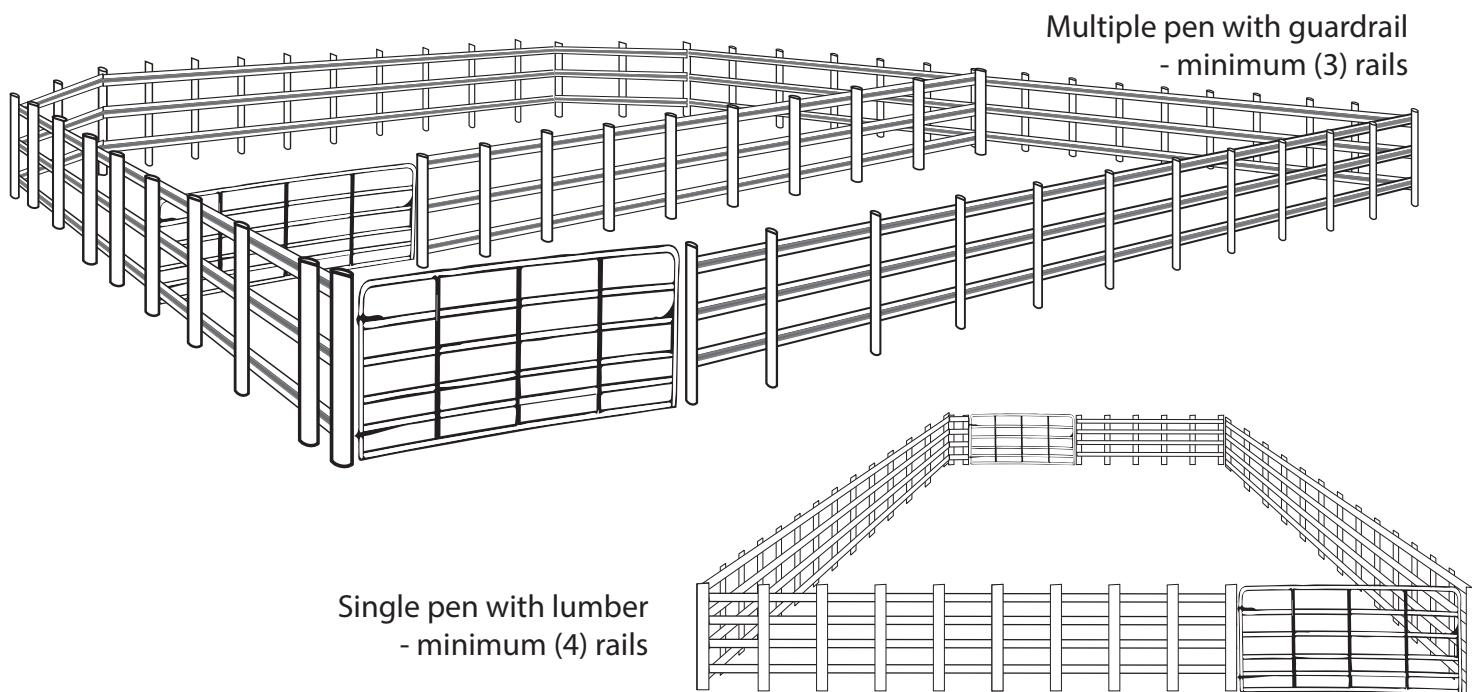


Working pen example with equipment. **Equipment is not eligible for cost share.**

Permanent Working Pen Reimbursement

Reimbursements will be based upon eligible purchase. Reimbursement for labor cannot exceed 30% of total reimbursement. Material and labor costs must be itemized on invoice.

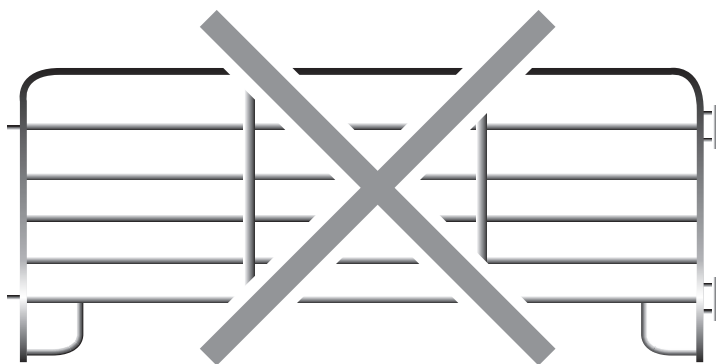
Permanent Working Pen Examples



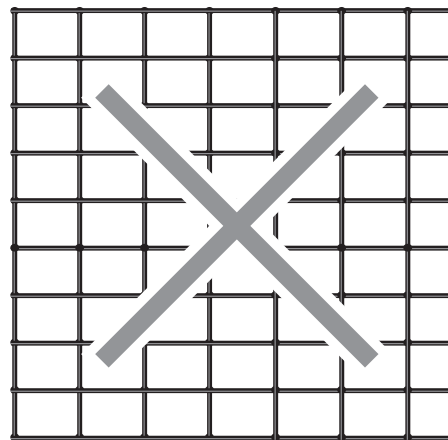
Continuous pipe fence panel - minimum (4) rails



Corral panels are not eligible



Wire panels are not eligible



Gates must be installed at time of reimbursement; not eligible - equipment, wire panels, and corral panels

Hay Equipment

Livestock/Acreage Minimum Requirements	Certifications	Lifetime Limit	\$5,000 Maximum Reimbursement	
Cattle — 100 Head Goats/Sheep — 150 Head Hay — 100 Acres in production	BQA — Beef and Dairy	Not Applicable	Standard 35% Cost Share	Master 50% Cost Share
Head of livestock = maximum number of single type, regardless of sex or age, at one time during the last 12 months. Goats/Sheep can be combined to meet minimum head requirement. Hay Acreage = 100 acres in production; first cutting only				

Guidelines

Eligible Items

New Equipment Only

1. Hay mower; *not eligible — rotary cutter*
2. Mower-conditioner
3. Hay tedder
4. Hay rake
5. Hay baler — round or square; balers only have a three (3) year verification period; all other items have a five (5) year verification period.



Hay Equipment Examples

Hay Mower



Mower-Conditioner



Hay Tedder



Hay Rake



Round Hay Baler



Square Hay Baler



Livestock Solutions

Livestock Minimum Requirements	Certifications	Lifetime Limit	\$10,000 Maximum Reimbursement	
Cattle — 100 Head Goats/Sheep — 150 Head Swine — 1,000 Head	BQA — Beef and Dairy PQA Plus — Swine	Not Applicable	Standard 35% Cost Share	Master 50% Cost Share
Head of livestock = maximum number of single type, regardless of sex or age, at one time during the last 12 months. Goats/Sheep can be combined to meet minimum head requirement. Swine = commercial growers only				

Attention Dairy Producers

Additional cost share opportunities are available for licensed dairy farms through the Tennessee Milk Quality Improvement Initiative. Please contact TDA at 615-837-5336 to learn more.

Guidelines

Eligible Items

New Only Items 1 - 8

1. Bunker/silage pit — must have concrete floors and walls
2. Commodity shed — new structures and additions to existing structures used for storage of bulk raw commodities, including whole grains and co-products used in a mixing process to produce feed (see p. 23 for minimum specifications)
3. Feed lot scraper
4. Manure spreader; *not eligible* — *litter spreader*
5. Mobile working system — must be a mobile self-contained trailer unit; *must include head gate, alley, and crowding/holding area*
6. Self-unloading feed wagon
7. Silage bagger — machinery used for the bagging or debagging of silage
8. Unloading forage feeder wagon

New or Used Items 9 - 12

9. Bale processor/windrow bale feeder
10. Hay wrapper — machinery used for the wrapping of hay for use as haylage
11. Mixer wagon and grinder/mixer — equipment directly used to mix and/or grind hay, grain, and other supplements for feed
12. No-till pasture drill — minimum 6 ft. working width

Used equipment must meet all of the following criteria:

- ✓ **Excellent working condition**
- ✓ **Minimal rust**
- ✓ **Functions as new**
- ✓ **Reasonable market price**

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Swine Only Items: Swine producers can purchase items 11, 13, 14

13. Feed Bin
14. Generator for swine barn

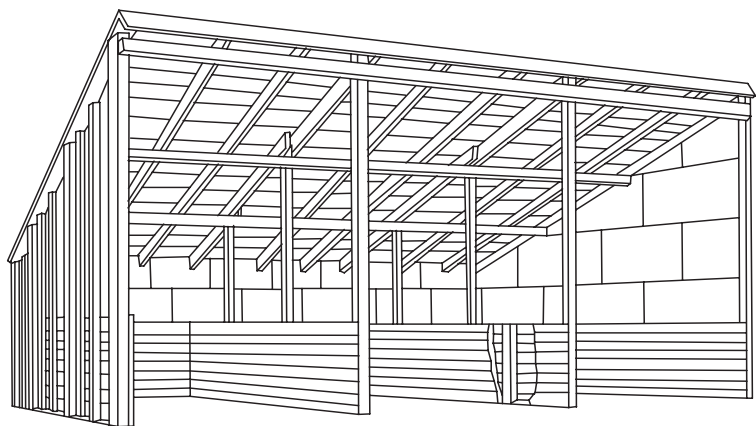
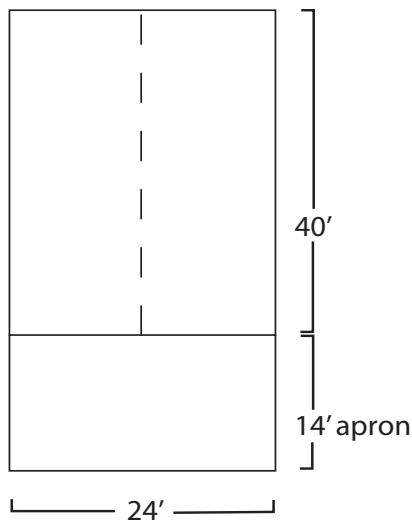
Commodity Shed Examples

Minimum Specifications

1. No more than three EXTERIOR walls; *not eligible - completely enclosed buildings*
2. Structure must have at least four reinforced INTERIOR walls, 4 ft. minimum height
3. Minimum 14 ft. concrete apron
4. Two or more bays
5. Concrete floor
6. Minimum 960 sq. ft.
7. Minimum height requirements:
 - Monoslope roof – 18 ft. front
 - Gable roof – 16 ft.

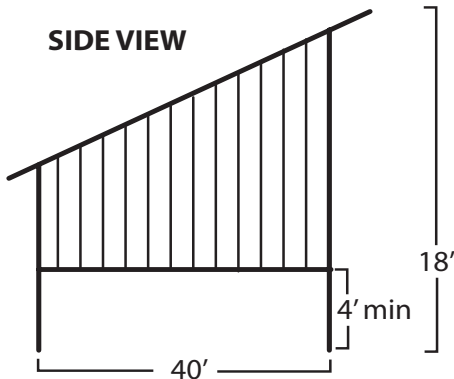
Minimum Size 960 sq. ft.

TOP VIEW



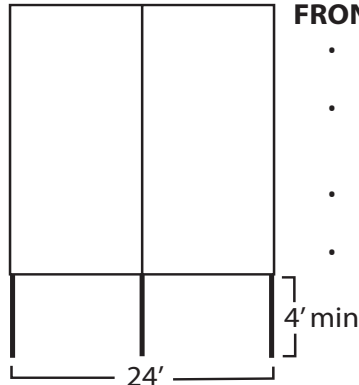
Monoslope Roof

SIDE VIEW



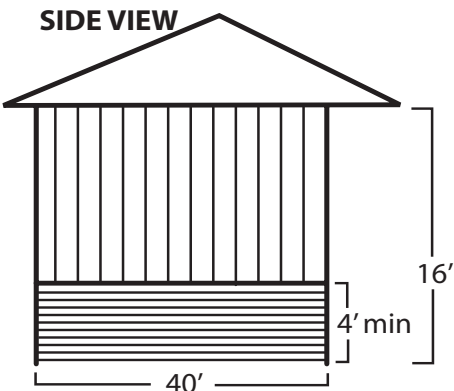
FRONT VIEW

- Front – must be completely open
- Monoslope roof with reinforced walls, poured concrete or boards/planks
- Minimum of two bays
- INTERIOR walls must be a minimum of 4 ft. high



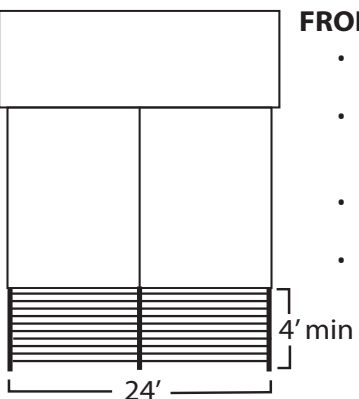
Gable Roof

SIDE VIEW



FRONT VIEW

- Front – must be completely open
- Gable roof with reinforced walls, poured concrete or boards/planks
- Minimum of two bays
- INTERIOR walls must be a minimum of 4 ft. high



Row Crop Solutions

Acreage Minimum Requirements	Certifications	Lifetime Limit	\$20,000 Maximum Reimbursement
100 Acres of land in row crop production	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Standard 35% Cost Share
Corn, Cotton, Soybeans, and Wheat only.			

Guidelines

Eligible Items

New Only Items 1 - 11

1. Bin unload auger
2. Conveyor
3. Drive-over scale — scale platform and scale indicator/monitor
4. Drying equipment
5. GPS — display and satellite receiver only
6. Grain bin — minimum capacity of 10,000 bushels
 - Smaller capacity bins can be combined to reach 10,000 bushel minimum
 - Labor for the construction of bins; *not eligible — labor provided by applicant*
7. Grain bin rescue tube
8. Moisture monitor
9. Overhead loadout bin — minimum capacity of 24 tons
10. Portable bagging system
11. Stationary fuel tank — on farm; must meet all regulatory requirements

New or Used Items 12 - 14

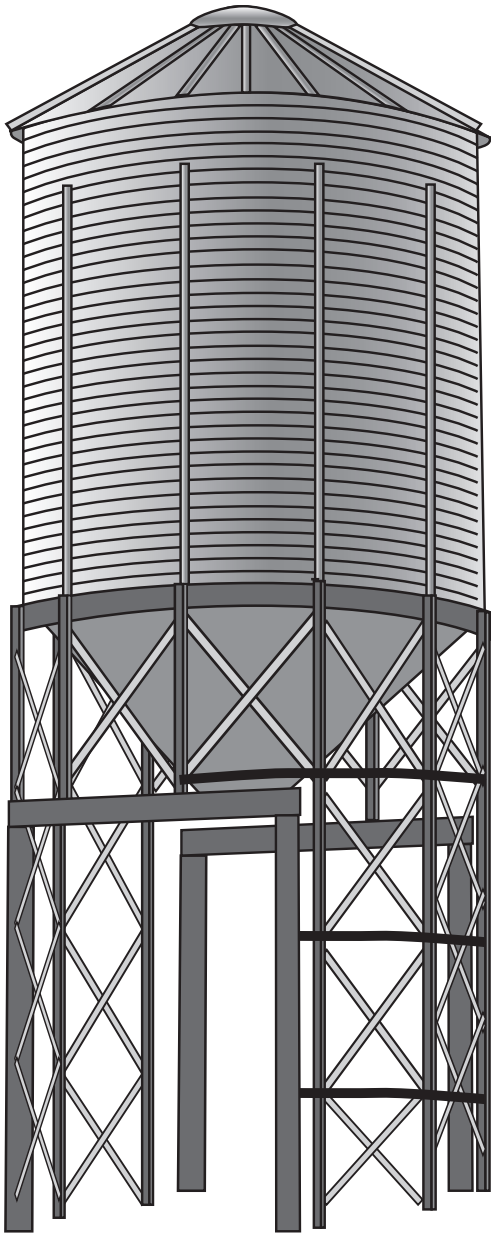
12. Grain vacuum
13. No-till drill — minimum 15 ft. working width
14. Transport auger

Used equipment must meet all of the following criteria:

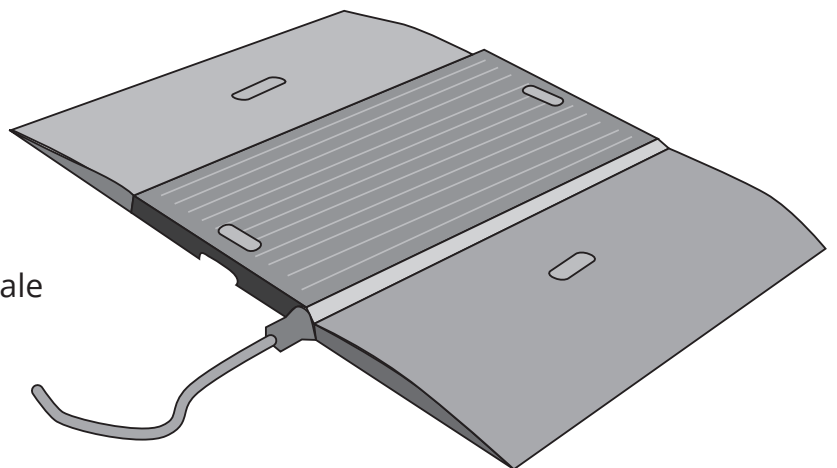
- ✓ **Excellent working condition**
- ✓ **Minimal rust**
- ✓ **Functions as new**
- ✓ **Reasonable market price**

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Row Crop Solutions Examples



Overhead Load Out Bin



Drive-over scale

50% Master Producer Requirements

Master Producer Programs

The University of Tennessee offers several educational programs for the livestock industry. These programs are designed to provide hands-on experience in current management practices that are important to the profitability and sustainability of the industry. **TAEP approved applicants who have an eligible master producer certificate at the time of reimbursement may qualify for up to 50% cost share of the program maximum.**

Master Certification & TAEP 50% Cost Share

To be eligible for 50% cost share, an approved applicant must complete an eligible Master or Advanced Master course prior to submission of their reimbursement request.

- Certificates must be **current** to be eligible for TAEP 50% reimbursement. **Recertification is required if course was completed prior to 2016.**
- Current certificate must be in the name of the applicant approved for TAEP cost share. No substitutions allowed.
- Copy of current certificate must be submitted with reimbursement request.

The following chart indicates master producer eligible courses by TAEP program and livestock type.

Eligible Courses		
Certificate must be issued January 1, 2016 or after to be considered current for TAEP.		
Program	Cattle	Goats/Sheep
Genetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Master Beef• Advanced Master Beef• Master Dairy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Master Small Ruminant• Advanced Master Small Ruminant• Master Dairy
Livestock Equipment		
Working Facility Structures		
Hay Equipment		
Livestock Solutions		
Herd Health	Not Applicable	
Row Crop Solutions		

Course Schedules

Contact your local UT/TSU Extension office to inquire about educational course offerings.

- University of Tennessee | extension.tennessee.edu
- Tennessee State University | www.tnstate.edu/extension

Master Producer Recertification

If you received your master certification any time after **January 1, 2016**, you will be eligible for 50% cost share for the 2019-2020 TAEP application period.

If you are unsure when you earned your master course certification, please contact your local UT/TSU Extension Agent for assistance.

How To Apply

Paper Application

Applicants choosing to apply using the paper method will need to submit Application A form (pp. 29 & 30) by mail or hand-delivery. Paper forms will be electronically scanned. It is important to complete form in CAPITAL LETTERS using a black or dark blue ink pen. Do not use a felt tip pen, pencil, or marker. Leave boxes blank to indicate spaces. Please do not write outside the boxes.

Important! The form should be completed IN CAPITAL LETTERS using a BLACK or DARK BLUE ballpoint/fountain pen. Characters and marks used should be similar in the style to the following:

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Paper applications may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- **Hand delivery** to TDA, Holeman Building, 424 Hogan Road, Nashville, TN 37220 between October 1-15, 2019 during normal business hours.
- **Mailed** to TDA, TAEP FY2019 - A, P.O. Box 40627, Nashville, TN 37204

Paper applicants must be postmarked or hand delivered October 1-15, 2019.

Tip: Applicants are encouraged to keep a copy of their application materials and mail the original using a traceable method of delivery. For example, USPS Certified Mail with Return Receipt method will provide the sender with evidence of delivery (to whom the mail was delivered and date of delivery).

Online Application

Applicants may apply electronically via a live link at www.tn.gov/taep during the application period (October 1–15, 2019). The online application can be accessed by clicking the “Apply Now TAEP Application A” button. This button will only be visible during the open application period, October 1-15, 2019.

APPLY NOW
TAEP Application A

Applying online ensures all sections of the application are complete and verifies the application was received by sending a confirmation email to the applicant. The online application allows for both new and returning TAEP participants to apply.

- If you are a **returning TAEP participant**, you are encouraged to apply after logging into your TAEP Online account. Applying while logged into your TAEP Online account allows for the application form to be pre-populated with your account information. You may update information if needed prior to submitting your application. You may also apply without having or accessing a TAEP Online account.
- If you are **new to TAEP**, you will be able to apply online but will not be able to set up a TAEP Online account at this time.

TAEP Online

TAEP Online is an account management system that allows previous TAEP participants to view their participation history and status of their current application and reimbursements online. Visit www.tn.gov/taep for information on TAEP Online account set up.

If you have not participated in TAEP previously, you will not be able to set up an online account but you will be able to apply online during the application period.

Instructions for Application A

Review program descriptions and requirements to determine which programs you are eligible for and what certifications/permits are required to apply. Complete all sections of the application.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

- Name – enter your full legal name and indicate your title and any suffix you may have
Tip: Applicant name must match name on educational certifications and permits.
- Social Security Number — list only the last four digits of your social security number; additional taxpayer information will be collected at time of reimbursement; participants will receive Form 1099-G for payments over \$600
- Mailing Address — enter the address where you receive your mail; TAEP documentation will be sent to this address
- Farm County — enter the county where your TAEP project will be located
- Home Address — enter the address where you live; the home address may be the same as your mailing address; P.O. Boxes not accepted as a home address
- Home Phone & Cell Phone — enter available contact numbers
- Email — enter current email address (optional)

2. FEDERAL IRS SCHEDULE F

Federal IRS Schedule F — indicate which years (2017, 2018) you have filed a Federal IRS Schedule F (Form 1040). You are not required to submit a copy of your Schedule F at time of application but may be asked to submit a copy prior to TAEP approval to verify your farming operation. If your operation does not file a Schedule F, please contact TAEP about alternate documentation to verify farming status.

3. TAEP PRODUCER NUMBER (TPN)

The TAEP Producer Number (TPN) is a unique number used to identify each applicant. The TPN is exclusive to an individual and cannot be transferred. If you have applied for TAEP within the past three years, your TPN will be mailed to you September 2019. Please include your TPN on the application form and any other TAEP correspondence. New applicants will not have a TPN until their first application is processed.

4. APPLICATION CERTIFICATIONS/PERMITS

Applicant Certifications/Permits — BQA and PQA certifications must be current at the time of application and completed by the applicant. No substitutions allowed. Dairy producers must be permitted by TDA at time of application to be eligible as a dairy. Master certifications are submitted at time of reimbursement.

5. LIVESTOCK AND ACREAGE INFORMATION

Livestock/Acreage — each program has a minimum number of livestock/acreage requirements. The applicant must meet at least one requirement per program applied for, along with other eligibility requirements. Verification of minimum requirements may be requested prior to approval.

- Head of livestock = maximum number of single type, regardless of sex or age, at one time during the last 12 months
- Hay Acreage = 100 acres of hay in production; first cutting only
- Row Crop Acreage = 100 acres of land in row crop production of corn, cotton, soybeans, and wheat only

6. COST SHARE REQUEST

Cost Share Request — choose only one 1st Priority program and one 2nd Priority program. Please note selecting a 2nd Priority is optional.

7. APPLICANT AGREEMENT

Applicant Agreement — this section features several important bullet points regarding program participation and compliance. Read each line of text. Print your name and date. Sign your name.



2019 TAEP Cost Share – Application A

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1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name: [Grid]

First Name: [Grid]

Middle Name: [Grid]

Title: ☐ MR ☐ MRS ☐ MS ☐ MISS Suffix: ☐ JR ☐ SR ☐ II ☐ III ☐ IV

Social Security Number – Last four digits only: X X X – X X – [Grid]

This is for identification purposes ONLY. Applicant will provide taxpayer information at time of reimbursement.

Mailing Address: [Grid]

City: [Grid]

State: [Grid] Zip: [Grid] Farm County: [Grid]

Home Address: [Grid]

City: [Grid]

State: [Grid] Zip: [Grid]

Home Phone: [Grid] – [Grid] – [Grid] Cell Phone: [Grid] – [Grid] – [Grid]

Email: [Grid]

2. FEDERAL IRS SCHEDULE F: I have filed a Federal IRS Schedule F in one of the following years.

Please check year(s) filed: ☐ 2017 ☐ 2018 ☐ No, I have not filed

3. TAEP PRODUCER NUMBER (TPN): [Grid]

New TAEP applicants will not have a TPN until applications are processed.

4. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION/PERMITS:

Certifications/permits must be in applicant's name. No substitutions allowed. Master certifications are submitted at time of reimbursement.

Beef Quality Assurance BQA# - Required for cattle: [Grid]

BQA# - Expiration Date: [Grid] / [Grid] / [Grid]

TDA Dairy Permit#: T [Grid] – [Grid]

5. LIVESTOCK AND ACREAGE INFORMATION

Head of livestock = maximum number of single type, regardless of sex or age, at one time during the last 12 months.

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6. COST SHARE REQUEST Program

Herd Health

Genetics

Livestock Equipment

Working Facility Structures

Hay Equipment

Livestock Solutions

Row Crop Solutions

Priority Rank — choose only **one** 1st Priority and **one** 2nd Priority

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7. APPLICANT AGREEMENT

- I certify I am a citizen of the United States of America or lawfully present in the United States.
- I certify I am a resident of Tennessee and that I am at least 18 years old during application period.
- I certify I have filed a Federal IRS Schedule F (Form 1040) within the last two years (2017 or 2018).
- I understand only one Application A is allowed per Federal IRS Schedule F, per person, per application period, per operation.
- I understand it is my responsibility to ensure that my project is eligible and meets all TAEP criteria.
- I certify all the information on this application is complete, true, and factual to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I understand providing any false, fraudulent, or misleading information may result in penalties and/or make my operation ineligible to participate in present and/or future Tennessee Department of Agriculture programs.
- I have reviewed and understand all of the guidelines listed in this application booklet.

Print Name:

Date:

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Signature:

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- **Mail to: TDA, TAEP FY2019 - A, P.O. Box 40627, Nashville, TN 37204**
- **It is recommended to make a copy and mail the original using a traceable method of delivery**
- **Applicant will be notified in writing of approval or denial of application**

Quick Reference Guide

TAEF APPLICATION A Quick Reference Guide for 2019 Program Requirements for Livestock Producers

Program	Cattle <i>Beef/Dairy</i>	Goats/Sheep <i>Meat/Dairy</i>	Swine <i>Commercial Grower</i>
Herd Health Genetics Livestock Equipment Working Facility Structures	30 Head minimum BQA Standard = 35% Master = 50%	50 Head minimum Standard = 35% Master = 50%	
Hay Equipment	100 Head minimum BQA Standard = 35% Master = 50%	150 Head minimum Standard = 35% Master = 50%	
Livestock Solutions	100 Head minimum BQA Standard = 35% Master = 50%	150 Head minimum Standard = 35% Master = 50%	1,000 Head minimum Standard = 35%
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Nondiscrimination

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture prohibits discrimination against persons based on their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Any person alleging discrimination based on a prohibited basis has a right to file a complaint within 180 days of the alleged discrimination with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture and/or the Tennessee Human Rights Commission. For more information contact Human Resources at 615-837-5116.

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